

**Town of Berlin Sewer Commission
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Commissioners

Rob Allen / Jim Hartson / Henry LaGue Jr.
Dana Marineau / Norbert Rhinerson
Assistant Mary S Wissell

**Regular Meeting
Monday September 12, 2011**

**Unapproved Minutes
Agenda Summary**

Present: Dana Marineau, Chair; Jim Hartson, Henry LaGue, Norbert Rhinerson, Engineer Bernie Chenette, Lorry Hadden, Ron Mercier, Mary Wissell.

Absent: Rob Allen

Meeting started at 7:00

Public Comment: None

- 1. Vine Street Sewer Line Extension** – Bids were reviewed from G M Bowen Excavating; DuBois Construction; Hebert Excavation and New England Waters Systems Inc. Norb Rhinerson made a motion that the low bidder New England Water Systems of Lowell Vermont be awarded the contract. Clarification - the bid would include all materials, line and manhole testing. Authorization was given to the acting chair to sign the proposal. Jim Hartson 2nd the motion. A tax exempt form is to be sent to New England Water Systems for use when purchasing materials. Mary Wissell is to arrange for Treasurer Patti Lewis to prepare and send a check for the 50% deposit.
2. Lorrie Hadden was present. She will also be having New England Water Systems install her lateral. Ron Mercier reminded her that the lateral must be inspected prior to being covered. Mary Wissell will send information re acceptable meters and readers for Berlin to Hadden.
- 3. Berlin Elementary School Pump Station** - Engineer Bernie Chenette apologized for the ongoing trouble at the pump station. The pump station did need new pumps, rails and wiring, unfortunately the non clog pumps are not working as designed. A 4" line from the pump station to the mall would have to be installed in order to use bigger non clog pumps. A new 4" line would cost about \$56,000. The solution to the problem is to use the 750 gallon holding tank as the system was

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originally designed to use. (Records indicate there is a 1,000 gallon tank but during construction it was determined that the tank is actually 750 gallons). The proposed solution is to make minor alterations to keep the floatables in the tank along with the rags and just pump mostly the clear liquids as intended by the original design. The problems with the system are presumably caused because of the materials that are being discharged by the school thus all cost will be charged to the school. All the bills will be sent to the Sewer Commission who will back bill the school. Henry LaGue made a motion that alterations be made as outlined by Bernie Chenette's drawing dated September 2, 2011 entitled "Modifications to Existing Solids Tank" retrofitting the existing 750 gallon solids collection tank. Jim Hartson 2nd the motion. Vote – All in favor.

Berlin Elementary School Pump Station - Sewer customers whose lines go to the pump station are the Berlin Fire Station and the Vermont State Employees Credit Union. These lines go thru a pump station with grinder pumps. The Snyder (formerly Celine Moore) house also has a pump station with grinder pumps. The Commissioners have asked Ron Mercier to test the flow that comes into the school pump station by installing catch baskets on the incoming lines just to make sure that everything that is clogging the pumps is coming from the school. Ron Mercier will monitor the holding tank and have it pumped as required.

Minutes - Norb Rhinerson made a motion to approve the minutes from August 22nd Meeting. Jim Hartson 2nd the motion. Vote – all in favor.

Financial - No Report

Round Table - A proposed policy for Vine Street Sewer Line Extension was reviewed.

Meter readings for the Main Pump Station were reviewed. Flows were very heavy this spring because of the flooding and the heavy rains from Hurricane Irene.

Warrants – Warrants were signed.

Adjourned - Meeting adjourned at 9:05. Motion made by Henry LaGue, 2nd by Jim Hartson. Vote – All in favor.

Mary S Wissell
Assistant to the Sewer Commission

Date Approved -